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MS: Amendment Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed October 12, 2007, to which a response was due November 12, 2008. A petition for a 4-month extension of time is included with this response, thus extending the response due date to March 12, 2008.

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